

# FORT WORTH MUSEUM

## SCIENCE AND HISTORY

For Release: Immediate

For Information Contact:

Becky E. Adamietz – 817-255-9411

817-980-0688 – cell

badamietz@fwms.org

### NEWS RELEASE

May 15, 2009

### ***Sound Around! on View*** **at Fort Worth Museum of Science and History** **May 16 – June 3, 2009**

FORT WORTH, TEXAS – *Sound Around!*, an interactive exhibition investigating the nature of sound and hearing, opens at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History Saturday, May 16 and runs through Wednesday, June 3, 2009. Because of Museum construction, the exhibition is on view in the lower-level galleries of the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame (1720 Gendy Street).

The innovative exhibition features 12 hands-on displays designed to let you see and feel sound while you explore frequency, resonance and vibration. *Sound Around!* presents sound in a thought-provoking and fun way. You'll find out how the speed of sound affects hearing, how sound triggers memory, and how you might even learn to be a better singer!

A few of the components featured in *Sound Around!* include:

- “Pipes of Pan” – This exhibit demonstrates how tubes of varying length act to select and amplify sound waves of different frequencies.
- “Jukebox Memories” – This display allows you to test your memory of different songs and melodies.
- “Delayed Speech” – This component delays your speech a fraction of a second, making it almost impossible to speak intelligibly.
- “Big Tuning Fork” – This exhibit allows you to find the elusive sound hidden in the tuning fork’s hum.

Admission to *Sound Around!* is included with regular exhibition admission – \$8 for adults, \$7 for children (3-12) and seniors (60+) – and includes the Cowgirl experience.

*more*

*Sound Around!*  
add one

For more information or to purchase exhibition tickets, visit the Museum website at [www.fortworthmuseum.org](http://www.fortworthmuseum.org) or call 817-255-9300.

*Sound Around!* was created by the San Francisco Exploratorium. Seeking engaging and educational exhibits, the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History entered into a partnership with the Exploratorium in 1999, resulting in its popular *ExploraZone* gallery. At that time, the Museum became the first U.S. site outside of San Francisco and the second museum worldwide to collaborate with the Exploratorium.

Dedicated to life-long learning and anchored by its rich collections, the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History engages its diverse community through creative, vibrant programs and exhibits interpreting science and the history of Texas and the Southwest. Since the mid-1980s, the Museum has annually welcomed nearly a million visitors, making it one of the most popular cultural attractions in North Texas.

The Museum is currently in the process of building a new facility in the heart of Fort Worth's Cultural District. The world-class museum, designed by internationally renowned architects, Legorreta+Legorreta, will open in late 2009 and will feature a collection of new exhibits and programs developed by the Museum's staff and a team of nationally recognized designers.